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Honorable Allen W. Dulles, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

The Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee is investigating possible illegal transshipment of rats and oils sold by the Commodity Credit Corporation to Soviet bloc destinations. In this connection, members of the Subcommittee staff conferred with representatives of your Agency outlining the type of information needed by the Subcommittee and asked that the Subcommittee be advised what information, if any, the Central Intelligence Agency had or could obtain which might assist the Subcommittee in its investigation. As a result of this conference the Subcommittee staff was furnished with a list of foreign trade publications and was informally advised that no further relevant information was in the possession or readily available to the CIA. However, further investigation disclosed evidence that the CIA had failed to inform the Subcommittee staff of certain information in its possession or available to it which related directly to the subject of our investigation. A specific request has been made for part of this information and it is our understanding that it will be furnished.

I am sure you can recognize our need for full cooperation from executive agencies in order that we may properly carry out responsibilities assigned to the Subcommittee. This is particularly true in instances where essential information cannot be readily obtained from non-governmental sources. I should like to request, therefore, that you advise me whether the Central Intelligence Agency has or can obtain any relevant information not previously furnished or specifically requested which would assist the Subcommittee in its investigation. In order that the Subcommittee may make its report on this matter prior to the adjournment of Congress, it would be appreciated if I might have a reply by June 14.

Sincerely,

L. H. Fountain, Chairman

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